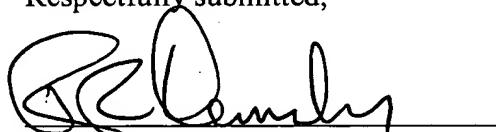


If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding issues to be resolved with respect to the above-identified application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience so that such issues may be resolved telephonically.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: JUNE 12, 2001

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Demsher", written over a horizontal line.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 23-27 have been cancelled.

Claims 28 and 29 are new.